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November 01, 2005 01:32 PM

Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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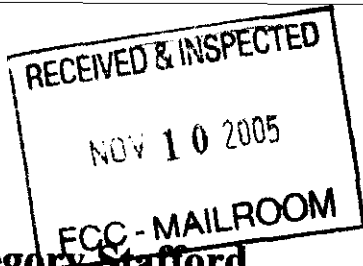
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cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress



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Representative Anna Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
205 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

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cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Ann Powell

946 Riviera Drive , Chappells, South Carolina 29037

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November 04, 2005 11:37 AM

Chairman, Kevin J. Martin
445 12th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman, Martin:

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Ann Powell

* PS. Taxes and fees are 1/2 the phone invoice!!! ALREADY

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Edward Painter

19938 Talon Street , Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335

October 03, 2005 09:46 AM

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

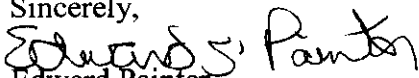
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cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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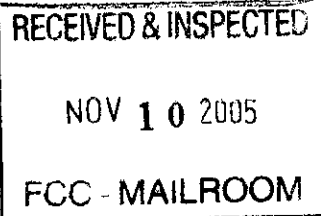

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cc:

Senator Arlen Specter
Senator Rick Santorum
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John Rattazzo

7310 E. McKinley Street
Scottsdale, Az. 85257

September 30, 2005 10:05 AM

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator John McCain
Senator Jon Kyl
Representative J.D. Hayworth
FCC Chair Kevin Martin

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Senator Barbara Boxer
U.S. Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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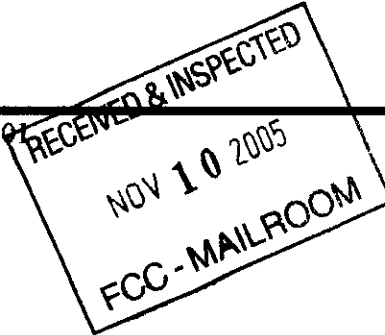
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cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Kay Harris

1331 CR 500 , Stephenville, Texas 76401

FCC
Chairman Kevin J Martin
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC, 20554



November 02, 2005 04:30 AM

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman Kevin J Martin:

Enclosed are copies of letters sent to my representatives concerning this matter. FYI you have not only been a part of taking away my TV when you SSS put an end to the old airways for the sake of the rich, now you want my phone! Instead of trying to improve communications you are trying to put an end to them for anyone who is on a low income budget. And what makes me the maddest is I rarely ever make any long distant calls due to the lack of having anyone to call and the cost of long distant calls. Why should I end up having to pay as much as a company does that uses it billions of times more than I do (most of the time conducting unsolicited calls via a computer that when I hang up my phone it doesn't hang up until the computer finishes its lines of BS? Where is the justice, logic and darn right Americanism in your train of thought? If you need to pull in more bucks for an already overly funded Government whose folly's are really getting to the point of out-rageous (and a fall just like Russia did), then go for the main necessity you have well overlooked... toilet paper! I am sorry this is not a very sweetly written letter, but when your dealing with terrorist (yes you all fit the bill in my terminology, where as those we are fighting now are no more than freedom fighters in their mind site) there are no holes barred.

Thank you for whoever reads this, I doubt Martin does much of anything besides mess up this world as much as he can. Ye old world is sure hurting for good people to lead and head this Nation.

Sincerely,

Kay Harris

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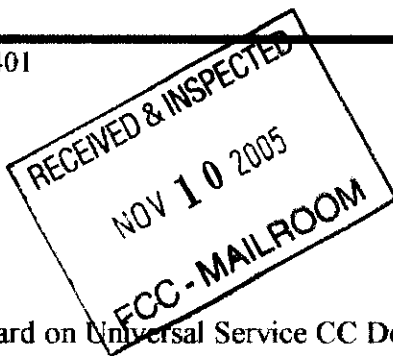
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Kay Harris

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November 02, 2005 04:30 AM

Senator John Cornyn
U.S. Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001



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